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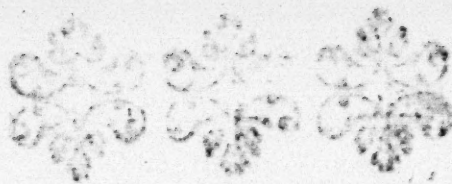
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Our Majesties most
humble and faithful
Subjects, the Lords
and Commons in
PARLIAMENT
having nothing in
their thoughts and
desires more preci-
ous, and of higher esteeme (next to the ho-
nour and immediate service of God) then
the just and faithfull performance of their
duty to your Majesty and this Kingdome;
And being very sensible of the great distrac-
tions, and distempers, and of the imminent
dangers and calamities which those distrac-
tions and distempers are like to bring u-
pon your Majesty and your Subjects, all
which have proceeded from the subtill in-


finuations, mischievous practises and evill
 counsels of men disaffected to Gods true
 Religion, your Majesties honour and safe-
 ty, and the publike peace and prosperety
 of your People : After a serious observati-
 on of the causes of those mischiefs, doe in
 all humility and sincerity present to your
 Majesty their most dutifull Petition and
 advise : that out of your Princely wisdom
 for the establishting your owne honour and
 safety, and gracious tenderesse of the wel-
 fare and security of your Subjects and Do-
 minions, you will be pleased to grant and
 accept these their humble desires and pro-
 positions, as the most necessary effectuall
 meanes through Gods blessing, of the re-
 moving those Jealousies and differences
 which have unhappily fallen betwixt you
 and your People, and procuring both your
 Majesty and them a constant course of ho-
 nour, peace, and happinesse.



I. That

The Propositions of Peace.

I.

 Hat the great Affaires of this Kingdom may not bee concluded or transacted by the advice of private men, or by any strange or unknowne Councillors; but that such matters as concerne the publique, and are proper for the High Court of Parliament, which is your Majesties great and supreme Councell, may be debated, resolved, and transacted onely in Parliament, and not elsewhere; And such as shall presume to doe any thing contrary, shall be reserved to the censure of Parliament; And such other matters of State as are proper for your Majesties privie Councell shall be debated and concluded by such of the Nobility and others as shall from time to time be chosen for that place by approbation of both Houses of Parliament; And that no publique Act concerning the affaires of the Kingdome, which are proper for Privie Councell, may be esteemed of any validity as proceeding from the Royall Authority, unlesse it be done by the advice and consent of the Major part of the Councell attested under their hands. And that your Councell may be limited to a certaine number, not exceeding 25. nor under 15. And if any Councillors place happen to be void in the intervals of Parliament, it shall not be supplied without the consent

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sent of the major part of the Council, whose choice shall be confirmed at the next sitting of the Parliament, or else to be void.

2.

That the Lawes in force against Jesuites, Priests, and Popish Recufants, be strictly put in execution, without any tolleration, or dispensation to the contrary; And that some more effectuell course may be enacted, by Authority of Parliament, to disable them from making any disturbance in the State, or deluding the Lawby trust or otherwise.

3.

That Your Majesty will be pleased to consent that such Reformation be made of the Church Government and Liturgy, as both Houses of Parliament shall advise, wherein they intend to have consultations with Divines as is expressed in their Declaration to that purpose. And that your Majesty will contribute your best assistance to them, for the raising of a sufficient maintenance for Preaching Ministers through the Kingdome. And that your Majestie will be pleased to give your consent to Lawes, for the taking away of Innovations, and superstition, and of Pluralities, and against scandalous Ministers.

4.

That your Majesty will be pleased to rest satisfied with that course that the Lords and Commons have appointed for Ordering the Militia, until

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until the same shall be further settled by a Bill, and that your Majesty will recall your Declarations, and Proclamations against the Ordinance made by the Lords and Commons concerning it.

5.

That such Members of either House of Parliament, as have during this present Parliament been put out of any place and Office, may either be restored to that place and Office, or otherwise have satisfaction for the same upon the Petition of that House whereof he or they are Members.

6.

That the Justice of Parliament may passe upon all Delinquents, whether they be within the Kingdom or fled out of it. And that all Persons cited by either House of Parliament may appeare and abide the censure of Parliament.

7.

That the generall Pardon offered by your Majesty may be granted with such exceptions as shall be advised by both Houses of Parliament.

8.

That the Forts and Castles of this Kingdom may be put under the command and custody of such persons as your Majesty shall appoint with the approbation of your Parliament. And in the Intervals of Parliament with the approbation of the Major part of the Councell in such manner as is before expressed in the choice of Counsellors.

That

That the extraordinary Guards and Military forces now attending your Majesty may be removed and discharged. And that for the future you shall raise no such guards or Extraordinary forces, but according to Law, in case of actuall Rebellion or Invasion.

And these our humble desires, being granted by your Majesty, we shall forthwith apply our selves to regulate your present revenue in such sort as may be best advantage, and likewise to settle such an ordinary and constant increase of it, as shall be sufficient to support your Royall dignity, in honour and plenty, beyond the proportion of any former grants of the Subjects of this Kingdome to your Majesties Royall Predecessors. And chereefully employ the utmost of our power and endeavour, in the reall expressious and performance of our most Loyall affections, to the preserving and maintaining the Royall Honour, Greatnesse and the safety of your Majesty and your Posterity.

Whereas wee the Lords and Commons have ordered, that it be referred to the Committee for the safety of the Kingdome, to prepare Heads of an Humble addresse unto His Majestie, for composing the present Differences and Divisions, and settling the Peace of the Kingdome, and to present them to the House.

To prevent all Misconstructions or Neglects, whereby our just defence may be hindered, We do Declare, that the preparation of forces, and all other necessary meines for the defence of the Protestant Religion, the Priviledges of Parliament, the Lawes and Liberties of the Subject, shall be prosecuted with all vigour.